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# WIC TACKS



All **VENDORS** are responsible for the following:

## Purpose:

This newsletter is designed to prevent program errors and noncompliance.

**IMPORTANT: THE FOLLOWING Procedure for Calculating Money Payment HAS CHANGED IN BOTH THE VENDOR MANUAL AND YOUR AGREEMENT WITH WIC:**

## VENDOR MANUAL change:

All civil money penalties issued by the WIC Program shall be calculated using a standard formula. However, the penalty shall not exceed **\$11,000** per violation and **\$44,000** per investigation even if the formula indicates that a higher penalty is warranted.

## WIC AGREEMENT change

Any fine or civil money penalty imposed shall not exceed **\$11,000** per violation and **\$44,000** per investigation.

## HELP US to HELP YOU!!!

WIC needs your help in preventing "fatal errors" on WIC checks.

Most frequent mistakes: Check deposited with "NO SIGNATURE" and Infant Formula sold on a check for Infant CEREAL, check returned for "EXCEEDS MAXIMUM VALUE."

To lessen these costly mistakes, WIC Clinics are working with the participants to prevent these mistakes from being repeated. We want to remind CASHIERS to **catch these situations and eliminate these mistakes.**

## Website:

Hawaii WIC Vendor Information Site:

<http://www.hawaii.gov/health/family-child-health/wic/vendor/index.html>

Vendor Training Section on the website includes the Vendor Manual and Vendor Orientation Presentation

## Bottle Bill and **GET - General Excise Tax** rule:

Can **NOT** charge **General Excise Tax** on 5 ¢ deposit to WIC checks.

Permitted to charge **General Excise Tax** on the 1 ¢ container fee.

## VENDOR STAMP:

Stamp your checks **CLEARLY!!** Rejected checks **cost your store returned check fees** and cost WIC processing fees. Be sure you have a system for **stamping all checks** before they are deposited!!



*Thank you for your attention to these procedures  
and for your consideration of WIC shoppers.*

WIC Vendor Management Unit